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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate and Local School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Natasha Baker *NBaker*
Deputy Superintendent of Education Services and
State School Reform Officer

SUBJECT: Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) Round Two

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announces round two of the Section 22i: Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) - District Participation and Consortium Membership Invitation. Round two is only being offered to districts that completed their MTRAx data by December 22, 2014, but did not complete their Michigan Electronic Grants System *Plus* (MEGS+) Application for District Participation and/or accepted the Consortium Membership Invitation.

As stated in legislation, the TRIG "funds shall be used for the development or improvement of a district's technology infrastructure, the shared services consolidation of technology and data, and hardware in preparation for the planned implementation in 2014-2015 of online growth assessments." As the MDE continues to provide additional information and clarity regarding the transition to M-STEP we would like to offer additional opportunities to school districts to participate fully in this innovative grant program. The TRIG funds will support districts need to build the necessary infrastructure and prepare for successful implementation of online testing.

The applications will be opened from March 2, 2015, to March 13, 2015. Districts that complete the TRIG District Invitation Application, accept a TRIG Consortium Invitation, and meet the five eligibility requirements, will receive ten dollars per enrolled pupil based on the Fall 2014-15 Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) count.

For more information on the TRIG District Participation Application and Consortium Membership Invitation, please contact Amanda Stoel (stoela@michigan.gov) or call 517-241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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